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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, mailed February 24, 2005.

Applicant discussed the issues raised in the Notice per a phone conference with the Examiner on March 2, 2005. It is Applicant's understanding that the defect in the brief was that each dependent claim needed to be cited in the concise explanation of the subject matter, as required by Rule 47.37(c)(1)(v).

It is Applicant's position that the brief as-filed complies with Rule 47.37(c)(1)(v), inasmuch as Applicant's reading of the rule is that part (a) requires the concise summary only for the independent claims, and that part (b) is only invoked if the pending claims include means-plus-function or step-plus-function language. Therefore, Applicant submits that the summary is in compliance with the rules, because the independent claim is summarized on page 6 of the brief as-filed. Because it is Applicant's position that the brief is in compliance with the rules, without

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further clarification, Applicant is unable to make any changes that would bring the brief into better compliance, as requested in the Notice.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the holding of Non-Compliance are respectfully requested. If a telephone discussion would help resolve the issue, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (651) 736-6432.

Respectfully submitted,

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